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In re Reissue Application No. 10/687,509	:
Filed: October 15, 2003	:
Original Patent No 6,304,996	:DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Issue Date: October 16, 2001	:UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Original Application No. 09/263,566	:
Filed: March 8, 1999	:
Inventors: Van Stralen, Ross, Hladik, Itani,	:
Wodnicki	:

This is a decision on the petition filed May 10, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accord this reissue application status in the absence of the signature of joint inventor Hladik

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accord this reissue application status is **granted**.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status and the Office of Initial Patent Examination is authorized to

- (1) accept this application under 37 CFR 1.47(a);
- (2) process the application with the inventors being Van Stralen, Ross, Hladik, Itani, Wodnicki, using the reissue oath/declaration filed May 10, 2004; and
- (3) mail a filing receipt with a filing date of October 2, 2003.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing date to non-signing inventor Hladik at the address given in the oath/declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-1820.

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Dear Mr. Hladik

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States reissue patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a reissue patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see address below) would presumably assist you in joining in the application and such would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63; 1.175.

Inquiries related to this communication may be addressed to the undersigned at (703) 305-1820. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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